The programmes are then evaluated by the appraising agencies like the Planning Commission and the outlays required for the same are discussed in the Parliamentary Standing Committee before finally passed by the Parliament.This process ensures wide political consensus for the programmes implemented by the Government. On the question of stability of tenure, steps have already been taken to consult the State Governments for amending the All India Service Rules to provide for a minimum tenure for cadre posts and for those holding key positions.

Decline of values in public life

2977. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister deplored the decline of values in public life and remarked that the standard of behaviour of people in public life could be better and improved;

(b) if so, the reasons identified by Government for such decline; and

(c) the steps Government are taking to improve the standard of behaviour of people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI) : (a) to (c) In his speech on the occasion of release of commemorative Coin in honour of Mahatma Basaveshwara on 23rd June, 2006. The Prime Minister observed that there has been a decline of values in our public life and expressed the feeling that the standard of behaviour of people in public life can certainly be better. He emphasised that the moral and social crisis can be effectively addressed if all of us follow Basaveshwara's example of rectitude and probity in public life.The Prime Minister's observations were in the nature of exhortations to the people and the civil society and have to be taken in that spirit.

Washing allowance to employees

2978. SHRI S. P. M. SYED KHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the award of the Board of Arbitration for revision of washing Allowance to Group 'C' and 'D' employees has still not been implemented;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in implementing the award of the Board of Arbitration in the matter;